IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Takaya MATSUISHI GAU: UNASSIGNED SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION EXAMINER: UNASSIGNED

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FOR: DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS,

DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

■ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/632,212, filed August 3, 2000, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. Application No. §119(e): **Date Filed**

Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

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☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

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